

Subject: OSS records in the National Archives

1. Telephone call received today from the National Archives (Mr. Taylor, in the section that has custody of the State Department's "half" of the OSS records, inherited by State at the time of the liquidation of 1945-46). Mr. Taylor was the man who some weeks ago undertook a search, for us, for the missing OSS cables of July-August 1945 relating to Japanese peace feelers.

2. Mr. Taylor called to ~~express his~~ volunteer the information that certain additional OSS cables have recently turned up in the National Archives, for the same period (1945) and from the same field command ("Amson" indicator) in which we had had an interest some weeks ago. He immediately undertook to search them for the "missing" cables which we had needed, and found none that were pertinent. He did, however, find messages by or to Allen Dulles (or his pseudo), and wanted us to know ^{for our} general information. I thanked him both for re-opening the old search and for the initiative in calling us.

3. It appears, from quizzing Mr. Taylor briefly on the phone, that his ~~new~~ small ~~new~~ "new" batch of OSS cables were transferred routinely to the National Archives some months ago, by the State Department, during a "house cleaning". The additional cables (about 2 linear inches, only, in bulk) are a small part of ~~the~~ a Washington headquarters ~~series~~ "chrone" file of cables--that is, they relate to any and all subjects, in a single chronology; but they are evidently not a complete sequence for the period.

4. Whether State also ^(may have still) transferred other miscellaneous OSS files to National Archives, in recent months, was not asked. This could easily be determined, if needed, by our regular ^{liaison} with the National Archives (Records Management Section-) or by the OSS Archives Section in DD/P .

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